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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-207Date 26 April 1963

TO : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Purcell Panel

REFERENCE:

1. By this time you will have seen the memorandum of 25 April from the Director in connection with the Purcell panel. In this connection, attached herewith is a copy of my memorandum to the Director pointing out some possibilities for panel membership.

2. The Director is most anxious that this panel get off to a good start and that its activities be pursued vigorously and with the all-out support of the Agency.

3. Please do not hesitate to call on any Divisions of the Agency for whatever help is required. DD/R is assigned action, and if you need any assistance, please call on me immediately. Both the Director and I would like to be kept currently informed of progress.

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Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

Attachments:

1. Copy of Memo for DDCI from DCI dated 25 April 1963 re Purcell panel
2. Copy of Memo for DCI from DDCI dated 22 April 1963, Subject: Panel for Future Reconnaissance Operations

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25 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carter


1. I talked to Dr. Land and later to Dr. Purcell. These men had lunched together and reviewed my memorandum to you of 11 April 1963 concerning the project which is the subject of the memorandum. They agreed that in view of the amount of work done in the past, a two or three day review by an informed group, each member of which has considerable background and experience, would produce a considered judgment useful in answering the questions posed in my memorandum. They therefore suggest such a meeting the first week of June.

2. They would expect a very considerable amount of staff work by NRO, CIA and others prior to the June meeting. In order to plan this they would like [redacted] to meet with Dr. Purcell and possibly Dr. Land at the earliest convenient time for the purpose of (a) selecting a panel and (b) outlining and arranging for the staff review, and (c) completing arrangements for the June meeting.

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3. If it becomes apparent as a result of the June meeting that more comprehensive, detailed studies and examinations must be made of specific problems, arrangements can then be made for these studies to go forward on a more deliberate basis.

4. Although it was not discussed, if the two or three day meeting does not produce a considered judgment on these problems, a later meeting can be arranged at a time and place convenient to Dr. Purcell and other members of the Committee.


JOHN A. McCONE
Director

cc: Dr. Scoville

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22 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**SUBJECT: Panel for Future Reconnaissance Operations**

1. Attached herewith is a copy of your memorandum on future reconnaissance operations. Please note that it does not include the last page which you decided to hold in your office for subsequent developments.

2. You have determined that you would like to have Dr. Edward Purcell of Harvard University chair this panel. You also indicated that he should have a compelling influence in the make-up of the panel if he accepts chairmanship. In the event you cannot get Dr. Purcell, you had agreed that [redacted] of MIT would be approached.

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3. Some suggested members which you have indicated as acceptable to you are:

- a. [redacted], Watson Laboratories
- b. [redacted], MIT
- c. [redacted], Carnegie Institute
- d. [redacted], All Laboratories
- e. [redacted]
- f. [redacted], Harvard University

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Other scientific personnel you might also wish to consider (as replacements or substitutes) are:

- a. [redacted], Coln Laboratories
- b. [redacted], Princeton University

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Note: This list could be greatly expanded if so desired, with some indication of personnel qualifications.

4. You also indicated participation by governmental representatives as follows:

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5. Although you had suggested as part of the panel, I would recommend that they not be included because of their in-house aspect of primary interest. They should of course be available to the panel at all times and the full facilities of their agencies will be required to brief the panel.

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6. Necessary administrative and logistic support will be the responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency.

7. The broadest possible terms of reference can be developed after the chairman has been selected and after his discussions with you.

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8. I would suggest finally that you mention this to Bundy and the President, and possibly the Killian Board, to get this panel started off at the highest possible level.

9. If you need any further information on the individuals concerned, we can provide it quickly.

10. We are dealing with most sensitive projects and if we go very far afield in our membership, we may well have security problems. As soon as the chairman is signed up, however, we can go into this in greater detail, since I feel certain both Purcell and Townes have appropriate security clearances.

Marshall S. Carter
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Deputy Director

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